



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Paula Weiss on the  
4 occasion of her retirement in June 2004 as Director of the  
5 Pekin Public Library; and

6 WHEREAS, Ms. Weiss has been employed at the Pekin Public  
7 Library for 33 years, 22 as director; she was hired as a  
8 cataloger in 1971, she was quickly promoted to Head of  
9 Children's Services (1971) then to Head of Adult Services  
10 (1978) before she was appointed Director in 1982; and

11 WHEREAS, She expanded children's programming and services  
12 including moving into a new facility in 1974; she also managed  
13 a transition to automated cataloging, the interlibrary loan  
14 program, and automated library materials check-out; and

15 WHEREAS, Ms. Weiss authored the first State literacy grant  
16 for the Pekin YWCA; and she planned and purchased the first  
17 network for public Internet access; and

18 WHEREAS, Ms. Weiss has served as a delegate to the Illinois  
19 Regional White House Conference on Library and Information  
20 Services and was appointed to the Illinois State Library  
21 Subcommittee on Systems; and

22 WHEREAS, She received an Outstanding Achievement Award for  
23 Professions from the Pekin YWCA; she has made a great impact on  
24 the library during her tenure and set the stage for more  
25 changes to come; therefore, be it

26 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
27 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
28 congratulate Paula Weiss on her retirement after many years of  
29 hard work and dedication to the Pekin Public Library; and we

1 wish her well in all her future endeavors; and be it further

2       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
3 presented to Paula Weiss as a token of our respect.